

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks herewith, which place the application into condition for allowance. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 are pending. Claims 6 and 10 are independent. Claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 are hereby amended. No new matter has been introduced. Claim 8 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of any subject matter. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are not made for the purpose of patentability within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101, §102, §103, or §112. Rather, these changes are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicant is entitled.

Claim 6 has been amended to incorporate features of claim 8, which was indicated as allowable and claim 10 has been written in independent form including all the limitations of claim 6 and claim 8.

Therefore, Applicant submits that claims 6, 7, 9 and 10 are patentable.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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